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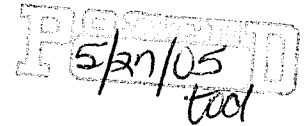
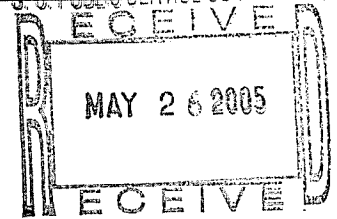
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May 25, 2005

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Docket No.: 2005-130-C - Notice of Election of Alternative Regulation Plan McClellanville Telephone Company Inc., Norway Telephone Company Inc., St. Stephen Telephone Company Inc., Williston Telephone Company Inc., collectively the TDS Companies.

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff has received and reviewed the referenced notification including supporting documentation. Mr. Scott Baxter filed Affidavits which substantiated the TDS Companies' qualification for entry in alternative regulation plan set out for small companies in Section 58-9-576 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Mr. Baxter indicated that his tests revealed that the wireless providers, Alltel and Verizon, have coverage generally available in the TDS operating companies' services areas. The ORS reviewed additional coverage area information produced by Alltel and Verizon. ORS recognizes that wireless services can be impacted by various externalities such as customer equipment, terrain, buildings, and weather conditions. In the time allotted, the Office of Regulatory Staff found no evidence to contradict the statement of Mr. Scott Baxter through his affidavit.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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